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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the previous version of the following claims and replace them with the following rewritten versions. Marked up copies showing the amendments since the previous versions are annexed as separate pages.

Claim 1 (amended). A single -or double-sided pressure sensitive adhesive sheet strip, having a grip tab and being redetachable from a substrate to which it is adhered by extensive stretching pulling on the grip tab in the direction of the bond plane, wherein the grip tab is such that it has a static frictional force F_s of at least 170 cN.

Claim 6 (amended). The strip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the grip tab is coated with deformable compositions, low-tack compositions or both.

Claim 8 (amended). The strip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface of the grip tab is etched, ground or embossed.

Claim 10 (amended). A method for redetachable bonding where the bond is parted by extensive stretching pulling on the grip tab in the direction of the bond plane, without slippage from the grip tab, wherein said redetachable bonding is made with the adhesive sheet strip of claim 1.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to conform the claims to conventional format.

For the record, Applicants emphasize that although the claims were amended, and, therefore, might be argued to have been amended for a reason substantially related to patentability, a fair reading of the amended claims will reveal that the departures from the previous claims were for clarification purposes only, and that Applicants did not narrow the

claims in any material respect. Therefore, Applicants submit that the amended claims are entitled to the full range of equivalents.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

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Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIM,
SHOWING CHANGES RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS VERSION**

Claim 1 (amended). [An] A single -or double-sided pressure sensitive adhesive sheet strip [, single-sidedly or double-sidedly pressure-sensitively adhering], having a grip tab and being redetachable from a substrate to which it is adhered by extensive stretching pulling on [a] the grip tab in the direction of the bond plane, wherein the grip tab is such that it has a static frictional force F_s of at least 170 cN.

Claim 6 (amended). The strip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the grip tab is coated [, in particular] with deformable compositions, [and/or] low-tack compositions or both.

Claim 8 (amended). The strip as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface of the grip tab is [structured, particularly] etched, ground or embossed.

Claim 10 (amended). [The use of an adhesive sheet strip as claimed in any of claims 1 – 9] A method for redetachable bonding where the bond is parted by extensive stretching pulling on the grip tab in the direction of the bond plane, without slippage from the grip tab, wherein said redetachable bonding is made with the adhesive sheet strip of claim 1.